**Neil A. Armstrong Middle School**

**College and Career Day 2014**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

**Attention 8th Grade Students**

**Introduction - Revised**

As you prepare to move up to high school, it is probably a good idea to begin thinking about what you will do after graduation. Some of you may be planning to attend a college or university; however, you may be asking the following essential questions: *What information do I need to know now to best prepare my parents/guardians and me to complete the admissions application and to select an area of study to help me reach my career goals?*

To begin answering these questions, admissions representatives from Arcadia University, Bucks County Community College, and LaSalle University have agreed to visit Armstrong and will be meeting with you in your Social Studies class. To help you begin exploring possible careers, representatives from the [Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency](http://www.pheaa.org/) (PHEAA) will lead you through a career development online activity in your Math class.

The best way to prepare for their visit is to think of questions that you would like to have answered. Here are some possibilities:

1. What kind of information is included on the admissions and financial aid applications?

2. What happens if I miss the deadline dates for the admissions and financial aid applications?

3. How important is it for me to be involved in extra-curricular activities or sports?

4. How can I work and go to school at the same time? What times are courses offered?

5. How much does it cost to apply for admissions or financial aid?

6. I am not sure if I want to attend a small or large college or university. What factors should I consider?

7. I have an IEP, what kind of help is available for me?

8. Are there any workshops offered for parents/guardians by your college or university regarding the admissions and finical aid process?

9. If parents/guardians have not yet begun to save for tuition, what can they do in the next four years?

10. What are the responsibilities of paying back student loans? What happens if I do not?

11. What career development tools are available to help me select an area of study?

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